1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
IOCL	111	92	135	90	81	130	855
HPCL	—	7.00	10.00	6.77	2.88	7.53	55.00
BPCL	36.6	30.0	36.2	18.9	18.4	22.1	73.2**

**For two years 2007-08 & 2008-09. Budgetary allocation for R & D activities for the next 3 years of XIth Five Year Plan Period in respect of BPCL not yet decided.

Gas pricing

3077. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry in September/October, 2007 had presented to Empowered Group of Ministers on gas pricing that, in accordance with production Sharing Contract, the contractor has commercial freedom to market the gas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has now decided to intervene in the court case filed by NTPC against RIL which is before Bombay High Court to protect the interest of a Government company and to fulfil Government's vision of "Power for All"; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per provisions of the Model Production Sharing Contract signed under New Exploration Licensing Policy, the Contractor has the freedom to sell the gas in the domestic market on arms length basis.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The court case filed by NTPC against RIL is a commercial dispute between the two companies regarding gas supply agreement and the Government is not a party to this Gas Supply Agreement.

Forts of Shershah

3078. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Shershah's Forts at Rohtas and Kalinjar in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh are serving hideouts for Maoists;

(b) whether Government is also aware that there is not even police pickets near these forts due to which tourists are scared to visit these places of tourist importance;

(c) what Government is doing to give due publicity about the forts in Uttar Pradesh so that these forts can become the destination of tourists; and

(d) how many forts in Uttar Pradesh are open for tourists and what development work has been done around the fort areas and facilities provided to tourists there?